Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh which provides. *Inter alia*, for the leasing in perpetuity of an area measuring 178 metres X 85 metres near Tin Bigha, to Bangladesh.

(b) The 1982 Lease Agreement provides the terms of the lease in perpetuity of Tin Bigha to Bangladesh as also the Indian citizens right of free and unfettered access across the corrider. The modalities regarding the implementation of the Lease Agreement have yet to be finalised.

(c) The right of Indian citizens to free and unfettered access across the Tin Bigha Corrider is ensured in terms of the 1974 and 1982 Agreements.

Opening of Portuguese Cultural Centre in Goa

2572. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have cleared a proposal from Portuguese Embassy in India to have a Cultural Centre and Consulate in Goa, in view of great demand among Goans to visit Portugal to see their relatives ; and

(b) if so, by when this mission is likely to be opened there and what will be its jurisdiction ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) While Government has conned approval in principle to the proposal to establish a Portuguese cultural centre in Goa. no date for its opening has been decided. The proposal for the opening of a Protuguese Consulate in Goa has not yet been cleared.

Demands of the workers of Kandla Port

2573. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA;
SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARALA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is going to visit Kandla Port in near future ;

(b) whether Kandla Port workers have submitted their demands to the port trust authorities and to his Ministry; and

(c) if so, what are their demands and what is the response of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No programme has been drawn up as yet.

(b) and (c) The Kandla Port Trust workers have been raising demands from time to time through their registered trade unions as well as through their associations not registered under the Trade Unions Act. A statement indicating the main demands raised by them as well as action thereon is annexed.

Statement

Demands	Action taken
(1) Absorption of daily rated workers in the Port on regular establishment.	630 daily rated workers have been absorbed in the regular establishment so far in 8 reviews,conducted during the span of 18 years.
(2) Providing of employment on compassionate grounds to the next of kin of employees who died while in service.	Guidelines on the subject issued by the Government from time to time are being followed.
(3) Allotmant of residential plots in Gandhi Dham to Port Trust employees.	Allotment of plots to port employees is being done in accordance with the Land Policy of the Ports.